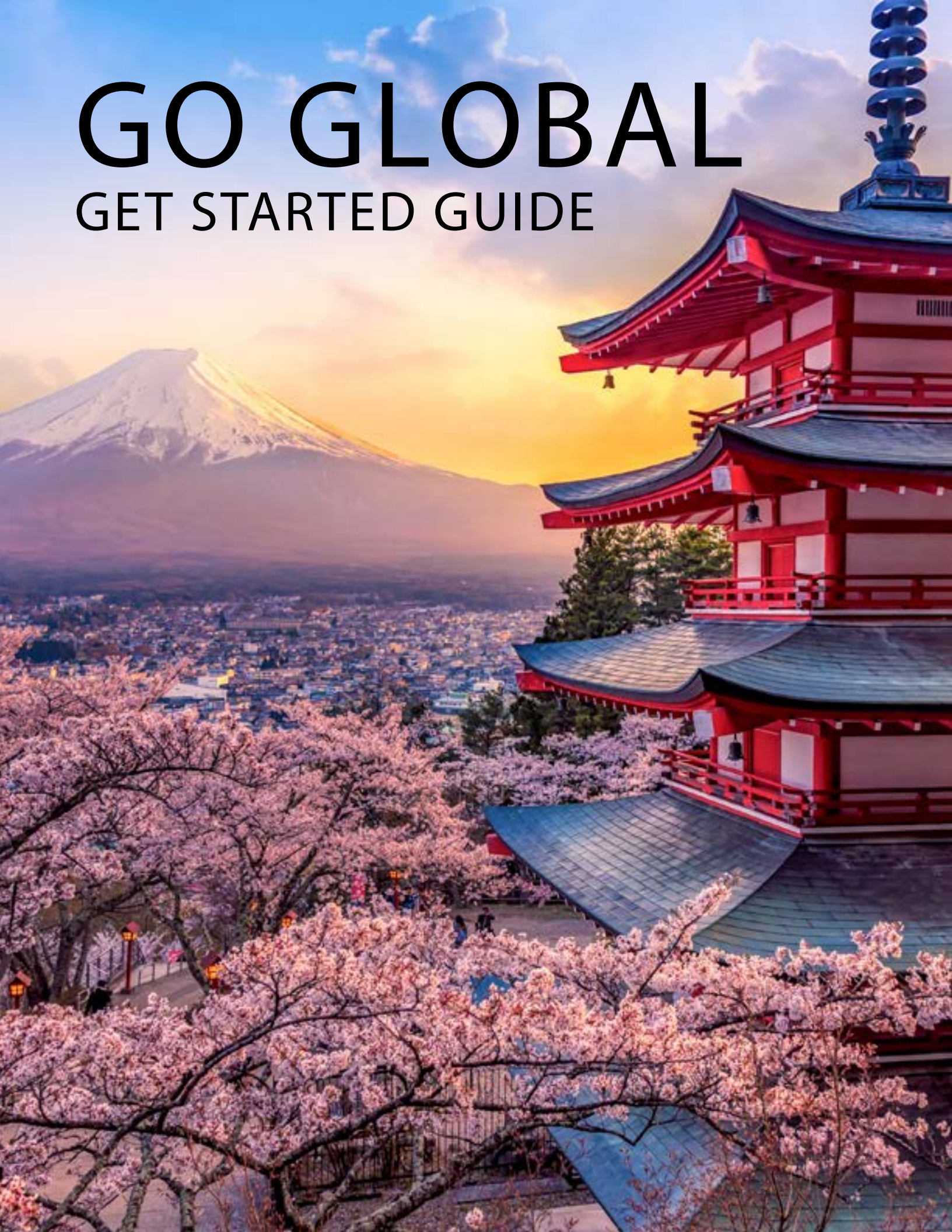


GO GLOBAL

GET STARTED GUIDE



WHERE DO I START?

Deciding which program you want to take part in can be one of the most exciting yet challenging parts of the planning process of studying away from NDSU. When you are planning, think about your academic plans, finances, what kind of experience you want to have, and where you want to be. The questions below might help you to identify what is important to you when you are exploring your options.

BASICS

- Why do I want to study abroad?
- Where do I want to go? Why do I want to go there?
- Are there other locations that offer the same benefits (even places I never thought about going to before)?
- When do I want to go and for how long?
- Which program type is best for me?

COSTS

- Does this program offer the best combination of what I want and a cost I can afford?
- What's included in the program fees?
- Are there scholarships I can apply for that will help with the cost?

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Is this program open to all students?
- Is there a minimum GPA requirement?
- Is the program for specific majors/year in school?

ACADEMICS

- Are there classes offered in my major/minor?
- Are there interesting classes outside my major/minor?
- In what language are courses taught? If needed, are there introductory language courses?
- Are classes primarily with local students or other international/American students?

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

- Host families/dorms/apartments/other?
- With other international students, Americans or local students?
- How are meals arranged? Are meals included, or do I purchase or make them myself?

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Am I prepared mentally, physically, and academically?
- Do I want to travel/work/volunteer before or after the program?

GO GLOBAL ADVISORS

Help you every step of the way. This includes specific questions, how to research, or understanding your program budget.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

They help you stay on track to graduate. They also help with verifying your courses will work here at NDSU.

PEER MENTORS

Alumni who are here to help you get started and learn about your options. They know what you are going through — they've been there.

PARENTS

Talk through your plans with a loved one or friend. They may have suggestions for questions to ask or things to consider.

PROGRAM LEADER

NDSU faculty or staff who have designed, developed and will lead short-term programs for NDSU credit.



ACADEMIC YEAR

SEMESTER

WINTER BREAK

SPRING BREAK

SUMMER

WHEN

WHEN CAN I GO?

When you can go is determined by many factors, so working with your academic advisor early on is ideal when you are planning your time away. Your major, year in school, personal responsibilities, and transfer credits are all factors to consider when studying abroad. Luckily, there are many opportunities with various different time frames that you can take advantage of. From programs that take place over breaks to as long as a semester or academic year, there are flexible options that will work for wherever you are in your NDSU journey.

WHERE CAN I GO?

NDSU has programs in 73 different countries with over 500 options. We offer options to study internationally on our study abroad programs as well as within the U.S. on National Student Exchange. No matter where you want to go, there is an option for you to go global at NDSU.



AFRICA

THE AMERICAS

EUROPE

ASIA

MIDDLE EAST

OCEANIA

WHERE

PROGRAM OPTIONS

EXCHANGE

Pay NDSU tuition and fees, program options around the world including the United States, immerse yourself as a host student

+ Affordable
- Limited options



+ Popular places
- Mid-cost

DIRECT
Pay host university tuition fees, housing and meal cost, many program options, often in popular destinations like Australia

AFFILIATE

All-inclusive program, many program options including volunteering, internships, and field studies, pre-arranged excursions

+ Extra support
- Mid-cost



+ NDSU credit
- Limited Options

Global Seminar
Short term program: Winter break, Spring break, and Summer. Led by NDSU instructors, Pay NDSU tuition and program costs

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Additional opportunities include internship, volunteering, student teaching, etc. You can earn NDSU credits

+ Many options
- Mid-cost



EXCHANGE (Global Practicum)

There are two kinds of international exchange program options available: Partner Exchange and ISEP Exchange. Students taking part in an exchange program typically are taking classes at the university and have an opportunity to get to know local students well in their day to day life. All of these exchange program types have the same tuition and fees as a semester at NDSU.

These programs keep the semester cost as similar as possible to a semester at NDSU. ISEP exchange has a competitive placement process while we can send you on Partner Exchange as long as you meet the eligibility requirements.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

The National Student Exchange (NSE) Program offers more than 150 options for exchange within the U.S. and Canada. Placement within NSE programs is a competitive process, where students will choose a few schools and be placed at one.

NSE has two payment options: Direct and Exchange. Students may either pay NDSU tuition or the resident tuition of their placed university. Some locations are less than NDSU tuition, making it an affordable option.



DIRECT (Global Practicum)

Partner Direct and ISEP Direct programs are available. Students taking part in Direct programs are typically taking classes at the local university. Direct programs are often located in popular locations, but may offer the opportunity to learn or practice a language as well.

Students attending a Direct program will have NDSU tuition waived as they will be paying the host university's tuition and students are responsible for room, meals, airfare and personal spending money at the local rates.



GLOBAL SEMINAR

Travel with NDSU students and faculty to explore a class topic together during one of these NDSU-led Global Seminars abroad while paying NDSU tuition and your travel costs. Courses are NDSU credits, taught by NDSU faculty.

Program times ranges from a week or as long as a semester. While on the program, students take NDSU classes, making the process for planning how to use courses even easier. Students also pay a program fee which often includes costs such as room, board, in-country travel, health insurance and airfare. Other costs, such as personal expenses and some meals, are the responsibility of the student.



AFFILIATE (Global Practicum)

NDSU works with affiliate providers in order to offer students an even wider range of study abroad options. Affiliate programs may also offer opportunities such as built in excursions and cultural events.

When taking part in an Affiliate program, NDSU tuition is waived as students will pay the affiliate provider's program fee. Many providers include costs such as tuition, room, meals, health insurance, excursions, etc. in the program fee. Each provider is different, so please be sure to research exactly what your program fee includes.



OTHER GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

NDSU offers other opportunities other than the traditional study abroad experience. Some majors have experiential requirements such as internships, volunteering, student teaching, reasearch, and field studies. Students can fulfill these requirements while abroad in career fields unique to their locations

Earn NDSU credits, fulfill degree requirements, and gain hands-on experience in your desired career field while participating in one of these other global experiences.

ACADEMICS

Planning the academic component of your study abroad experience is an important part of the preparation but it doesn't have to be complicated. You can use the courses you take abroad to fulfill requirements for graduation, and many students get their courses pre-approved so they know what to expect when they return. The type of program you choose affects this process and how the courses show on your transcript at NDSU afterwards. These two pages offer a brief overview.

GLOBAL PRACTICUMS (EXCHANGE, DIRECT, AFFILIATE)

All NDSU students studying abroad on one of these credit-bearing programs are registered for NDSU general GLBL 492 study abroad credits in order to retain full-time status, use their NDSU email account, retain financial aid, and be able to have course equivalencies pre-approved. Courses abroad return as transfer credits, which are evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. These courses can be used to complete requirements at NDSU.

General Credits

If you just need credits but not specific courses, you do not need to complete any additional paperwork to complete this transfer. The transfer will happen automatically once NDSU receives and processes your transcript from your term abroad.

Major and Minor Requirements

Academic departments at NDSU can sign off on the Request to Waive/Substitution Form to approve the course equivalencies, and then as long as you take the course abroad at your accredited university it will complete the requirements fulfilled by that course at NDSU. This can be done before, during or even shortly after you return from your study abroad program.

General Education Requirements

1. 3 credits of GLBL 492, when completed successfully and transferred back to NDSU, will qualify for either Cultural Diversity or Global Perspectives credits
2. 6+ credits of GLBL 492, when completed successfully and transferred back to NDSU, will qualify for both Cultural Diversity and Global Perspectives credit.

For other courses and/or general education requirements you can complete the Appeal General Education Requirements form found on the NDSU OneStop website, explaining concisely how the proposed course will fit into the general education category description from the Undergraduate Bulletin.



NDSU GLOBAL SEMINARS & INTERNSHIPS

Because these courses are taught by an NDSU instructor, the course numbers are pre-determined for these programs and courses will show on the transcript as NDSU courses with a letter grade. Courses may fulfill certain degree requirements as based on their course number, but check with the faculty leader and/or your department for more details. If you would like to use a course to fulfill a requirement that is not pre-approved, you can complete the appropriate form.

Major and Minor Requirements

Your department can approve class substitutions using the Substitute/Waive a Course form. Talk with your department to see if they are able to approve this substitution.

General Education Requirements

You can complete the Appeal General Education Requirements form found on the NDSU OneStop website, explaining concisely how the proposed course will fit into the general education category description from the Undergraduate Bulletin.

RELATED MAJORS

In addition to adding study abroad to your experiences and your resume, two options exist to also incorporate the learning as a secondary major.

Global Studies Major

The Global Studies Major is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of global issues, international relations, and cross-cultural communication. This program combines coursework from various fields to prepare students for careers in a global setting.

Global Business Major

The Global Business Major is a secondary major for business majors that combines global business courses with language training and an in-depth study abroad experience to qualify students for management positions in diverse, multicultural and international environments.



FINANCES

FINANCIAL AID AND PRIVATE LOANS

Students currently receiving financial aid who are enrolled full-time in a study abroad program are eligible to use that aid toward paying their program costs. Study abroad budget estimates include costs such as your airline ticket, passport, visa, and spending money. During the term you will be abroad, your financial aid and loans will disburse into your student account, pay on anything due to NDSU, and then any extra will be refunded to you to pay for additional expenses.

Planning your finances is a two part process:

1. Once you have started an application, finalize your budget with your study abroad advisor, then
2. Meet with an advisor in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to discuss financial planning.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are highly encouraged to apply for study abroad scholarships. It's best to start looking at scholarships early, but the application process doesn't have to be difficult. Many scholarships ask for similar materials, so if you apply for one you're ahead in starting each additional application.

Deadlines

October 1st for winter break, spring break, spring and summer programs.

March 1st summer, fall, and academic year programs.



GLOBAL BISON

"I learned skills that cannot be taught in a classroom. I learned to relate with people from completely different walks of life."

Katrina | ISA Semester Costa Rica | Civil Engineering



"Seeing one of the world's wonders for the first time prompts reflection on the civilizations and people who lived long before your time. It's a testament to the incredible capabilities of humanity. Discovering a piece of history that still feels alive, it's remarkable how the world can simultaneously feel vast and intimately connected."

Jaden | ISA Semester Peru | Spanish Education

See what alumni have said about their life-change global experience!

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Why Go Global?

Now is the perfect time to have a global experience because your main job is to be a student and work towards your degree. So why not do that abroad? Other than getting to travel the world, there are many benefits of having a global experience

Prepare for the Job Market

International experience can be a big resume booster. Many employers feel that studying abroad shows great initiative and independence, not to mention a global perspective needed in today's international marketplace.

Grow as a person

Your time spent abroad helps you to develop maturity and personal independence. You will learn a lot about yourself and what you're capable of by living in a foreign environment. Also, seeing the world through a new lens can help you reflect on your culture, assumptions, and future goals.

Work towards your degree

Did you know that students who study abroad are as likely or more likely to graduate on time than those who only stay at NDSU? Classes that you take abroad can be used to fulfill requirements for general education, majors, and minors, as well as fulfill internship and practicum experience. Your study abroad advisor is here to help you identify programs that fit with your needs.



"Being in Dubai changed my perception of people – humanity really is the same though we become individuals through our culture, our nation, and our day-to-day life. I realized people are people no matter where in the world they live."

Kaija | Iconic Dubai | Hospitality & Event Mgt

COMMON QUESTIONS

Can any major study abroad?
Yes! Any major can study abroad. Talk with your academic advisor early to determine when is the best time for you to go.

Is it expensive?
We offer programs for any budget from short-term to long-term programs where you pay NDSU tuition and fees.

Where can I go?
We offer programs in over 70 countries including the U.S., meaning you can go pretty much anywhere!

Can I go with friends?
Yes! Many students take advantage of studying abroad with friends on our short and long-term programs. Going global is better with your bestie!

Do I need to know a second language?
Nope! Most programs offer courses in English so you don't need to be fluent in a language to study there, though many students take a beginners language course.

Can I use financial aid?
Yes! Most students use FAFSA, private loans, or scholarships to fund their study abroad. Our office offers scholarships for students on any of our programs.

What other global opportunities are there?
If you don't want to take classes abroad, we offer many other opportunities such as research volunteering, internships, field studies, and student teaching.

Where do I start?
Come to our office in MU 116 and we will help you get started with program options, budgeting and finding the perfect Go Global experience for you!

NEXT STEPS

GET STARTED
4-12 months or more before

- Research Options
- Talk to peer mentor (stop into MU 116):
 - Program Options
 - Academics Overview
 - Financial Planning Overview
- Talk to your academic advisor: When to go and course planning
- Look at online resources and brochures and consider options
- Apply for off-campus/outside scholarships

3-6 months before

- Pick a Program and Apply
- Talk to study abroad advisor:
 - Academic planning and course approval process
 - Program budget
 - Payment processes
- Talk to advisor in Financial Aid and Scholarships: Financial planning (start a program application for instructions)
- Submit application to NDSU at global.ndsu.edu
- Submit application materials to your program provider (if applicable)
- Apply for NDSU study abroad scholarships

2-3 months before

- After Acceptance
- Commit to participating within 7 days of acceptance
- Complete any additional post-acceptance application requirements

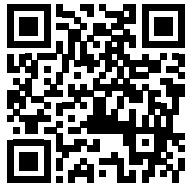
BEFORE YOU GO
1-5 months before

- Apply for passport and visa (if needed)
- Take part in required Pre-Departure Orientation
- Purchase airline tickets (if not included in program cost)
- Register for your term abroad
- Obtain any needed pre-approvals for courses

RETURNING
1-3 months after

- Obtain any needed post-approvals for courses
- Verify transcript received





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